

an outer layer formed on said inner layer of a composite made of a polymer and the metal material having a second predetermined thickness.

2. (AMENDED) A thermally sprayed article comprising:

an article substrate;

an inner layer formed on said article substrate of a metal material having a first predetermined thickness; and

an outer layer formed on said inner layer of a composite made of a polymer and the metal material having a second predetermined thickness, wherein said second predetermined thickness is less than said first predetermined thickness.

5. (AMENDED) A thermally sprayed article comprising:

an article substrate;

an inner layer formed on said article substrate of a metal material; and

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an outer layer formed on said inner layer of a composite made of a polymer and the metal material co-deposited to form said outer layer, wherein said outer layer has a hardness less than said inner layer.

7. (AMENDED) A thermally sprayed article comprising:

an article substrate;

an inner layer formed on said article substrate of a metal material having a first predetermined thickness; and

an outer layer formed on said inner layer of a composite made of a polymer and the metal material co-deposited to form said outer layer and having a second predetermined

thickness less than said first predetermined thickness, said outer layer having a hardness less than said inner layer.

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